Understanding National Park Service Soil Survey Needs



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NPS as a NCSS cooperator



 Soil mapping is part of the DOI Natural Resource Challenge – it's a one time deal

 Funding ~\$2.5 - 3.0 Million/year for new mapping. Funding until the work is done – again, it's a one shot deal. NPS will not have designated funds for updating

32 park projects in 10 states

NPS Soil Resource Inventory Staff



Park 2

Pete Biggam - Soils Program Manager

Judy Daniels - CSU as SRI Data Manager

Branon Barrett – UCD GIS Specialist

Troy Kashon – UCD GIS Specialist

Sue Southard - NRCS/NPS Liaison

Premise we want to work under



Park 3

- Promoting the use of soils information means making it accessible in a user friendly way
- This also promotes the profession

Facts we have to acknowledge

NPS Parks have...

no resource soil scientists
no soil scientists on staff (except Pete and me)
very few GIS specialists - most have none
no plotters
very limited financial resources
no infrastructure for training in soils and existing
GIS staff is spread thin

What does the NPS want for soil survey deliverables?

 Set up of the NPS lands as a non-MLRA soil survey area

SSURGO mapunit/dmu data as well as pedon and site data in NASIS

3. Emphasis on how soils fit within the park ecosystems

What does the NPS want for soil survey deliverables?

4. What's so cool about this park's soil?

Consistent SSURGO exports including local and standard interpretations

 For all parks, even if mapped already, completion of NPS System Lands map unit overlaps in NASIS

Setting up parks as non-mlra soils survey areas

SDM, SDV, WSS are based on state-based delivery of non-mlra soil survey areas

If the park is set up as a non-mlra soil survey area the whole delivery of data to the park is made easier

Setting up parks as non-mlra soils survey areas

- If you need help in the process call me but first consult the NSSH Section 608.03
- Pete Biggam will supply the boundary to use DON'T USE ANY OTHER SOURCE!!
- Be sure the boundary from Pete has metadata with the date and source documented by NPS

(A few handouts provided for those who need it)

Boundary issues abound!

Jurisdictional, deeded, management and administrative – types of boundaries

Example: Big South Fork National Reserve and Recreation Area has a state forest in the middle- all is managed as NPS lands

Don't digitize the park boundary beyond its established area

2. Map unit as well as pedon and site data in NASIS

Type locations, lab data, road cut observations that all may be used by NPS interpretive staff

Why point data?

Example from LAVO archeologist.....

What is needed is not a point on a map but the DATA associated with the point

Identity Tools

NPS is developing an ArcGIS Desktop toolset that geospatially links soils data allowing users to access soils data in an interactive manner. Focus is on the map unit descriptions, pedon point data, and ecological site descriptions. The current toolset includes a Map Unit Identify Tool and a Pedon Identify Tool.

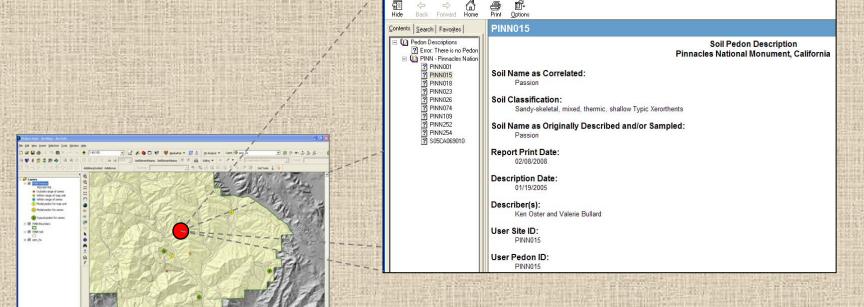


Pedon Identity Tool

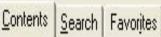
With Pedon Identify Tool the user selects a pedon point using the Pedon Identity Tool. All site and pedon information including a full pedon description is

Soil Pedon Description

displayed







- Pedon Descriptions
 - ? Error: There is no Pedon help file for this point

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Options

- PINN Pinnacles National Monument
 - ? PINN001
 - ? PINN015
 - ? PINN018
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 - ? PINN074
 - ? PINN109
 - ? PINN252

 - PINN254
 - S05CA069010

Pedon Type: typical pedon for series

Pedon Kind: series

Pedon Purpose: full pedon description

Location Information:

County: San Benito

USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Number and Name: 36121-D2 North Chalone Peak, California

State: California

Major Land Resource Area Symbol and Name: 15 -- Central California Coast Range

Soil Survey Area:

PINN -- Pinnacles National Monument

CA069 -- San Benito County, California

Map Unit:

100 -- ORDEAL-PASSION ASSOCIATION, 9 TO 50 PERCENT SLOPES



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Location Description:

780 meters east of the Chalone Creek Maintenance Station

Legal Description:

625 meters east and 370 meters north of the southwest corner Section 36, Township 16S, Range 7E MOUNT DIABLO Meridian

Latitude: 36 degrees 30 minutes 0.60 seconds north Longitude: 121 degrees 9 minutes 59.30 seconds west

Datum: NAD83

Coordinates: 10 UTM Easting: 664214 meters, UTM Northing: 4040996 meters

Physigraphic Division: Pacific Mountain

Physiographic Province: Pacific Border Province Physiographic Section: California Coast Ranges

Local Geologic Formation: Temblor

Parent Material: residuum weathered from conglomerate

Bedrock Kind: conglomerate

Bedrock Depth: 16 inches (41.0 cm)

Geomorphic Setting: crest Upslope Shape: convex Cross Slope Shape: linear

Slope Gradient: 10.0 percent Slope Aspect: 165 (deg)

Elevation: 1654 feet, 504.0 meters Mean annual precipitation: inches Mean annual air temperature (F):

Frost-free days: days

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ies, (18 to 41 cm); light yellowish brown (10YR 6/4) very gravelly loamy sand, dark n (10YR 4/4) moist; 5 percent clay; weak fine subangular blocky structure, slightly le, nonsticky, nonplastic; many very fine roots throughout; many very fine ; 5 percent 5 to 20 millimeter and 15 percent 76 to 250 millimeter and 20 percent 2 ; neutral, pH 7.0 ; clear wavy boundary.

ches, (41 to 155 cm); very gravelly loamy sand; HORIZON NOTE: Soft, massive

Cr-16 to 61 in conglomerate.

C-7 to 16 inch

vellowish brow

hard, very friab

irregular pores

to 5 millimeter

Kind

What do you have to do?

- Don't worry...just get pedon/site data in NASIS
- Send me the final pedon list using NASIS report "NPS DATA DUMP – Pedon and Site List Info for Deliverables"
- I'll do the export of data in the format the park needs – I just need a list of your pedons in the park

What do you have to do?

When providing photos name them by their <u>user site id in NASIS</u>

P pedon; v for veg; I for landscape – possible scenario for labeling

Soil names often change – don't use in file name

Local naming conventions often don't mean anything to anyone else but User Site ID does since it is a unique in the database



Photo map units

An aside.....

- For 100 years we've been making soil descriptions and many are lost
- NASIS allows us to preserve and protect these observations
- Recently a fire in a field office destroyed all soils observations. They were lost because they were not in NASIS

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3. Emphasis on how soils fit within the parks ecosystems



Completed ESDs - where funded

Photos of map unit with representative vegetation



Block diagrams

GSM with soil formation theme

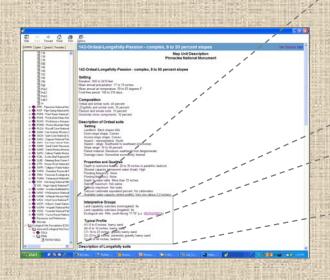
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ESD links on desktop

From the pedon description or map unit description, the ESD can be accessed via a hyperlink if...

- 1. there is a NRCS approved ESD Report for that map unit and
- 2. ESD info is populated in NASIS (every major and hydric minors components) and in pedon tables)

ESD hyperlink



Interpretive Groups

Land capability subclass (nonirrigated): 6e Land capability subclass (irrigated): 6e Ecological site: Hills, south-facing 17-19" p.z (R015XI100CA

Typical Profile

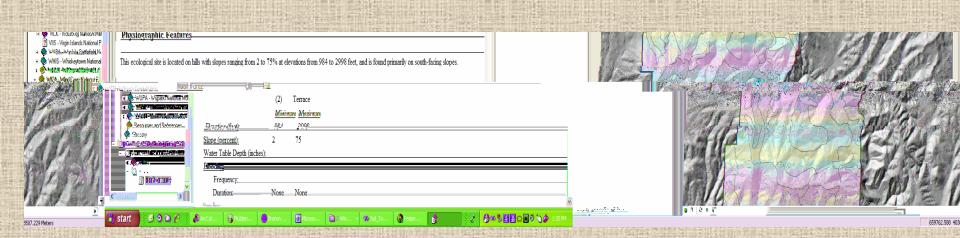
A1--0 to 6 inches; loamy sand A2--6 to 14 inches; loamy sand

C1--14 to 23 inches; gravelly loamy sand

C2--23 to 36 inches; extremely gravelly loamy sand

Cr-36 to 40 inches; bedrock

ESD Hyperlink

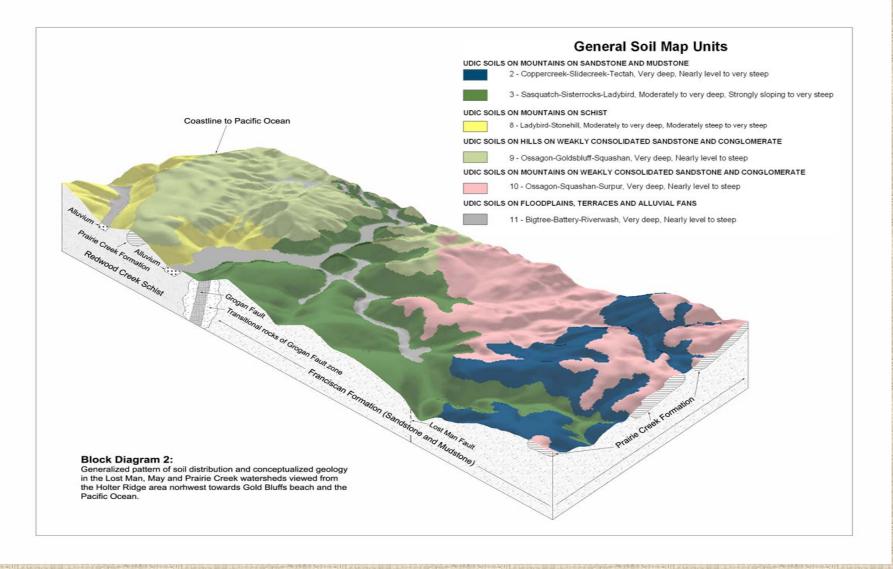


Example block diagrams using SSURGO

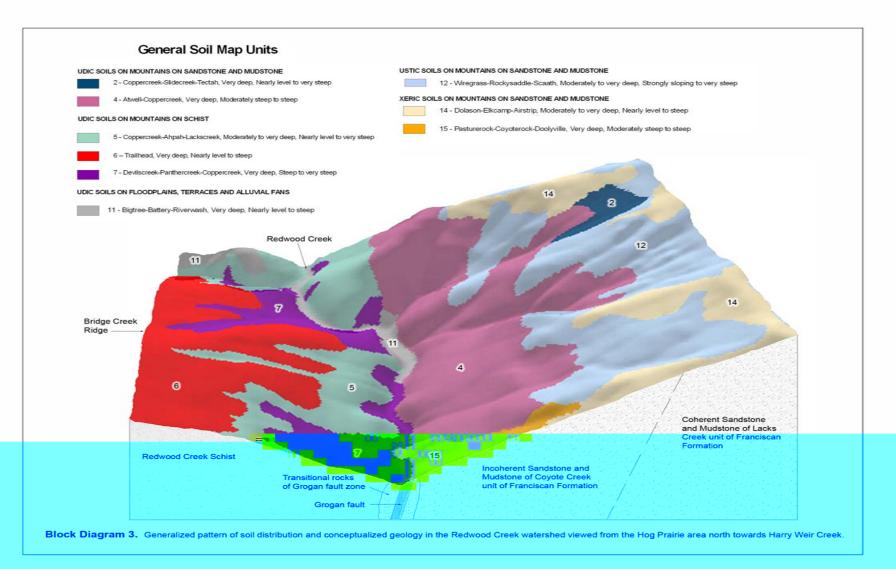
Stylized geologic formations added in

Map units aggregated together

Redwoods NP (REDW)



Redwoods NP (REDW)



Channel Islands NP (CHIS)

Soil Survey of Channel Islands National Park, California

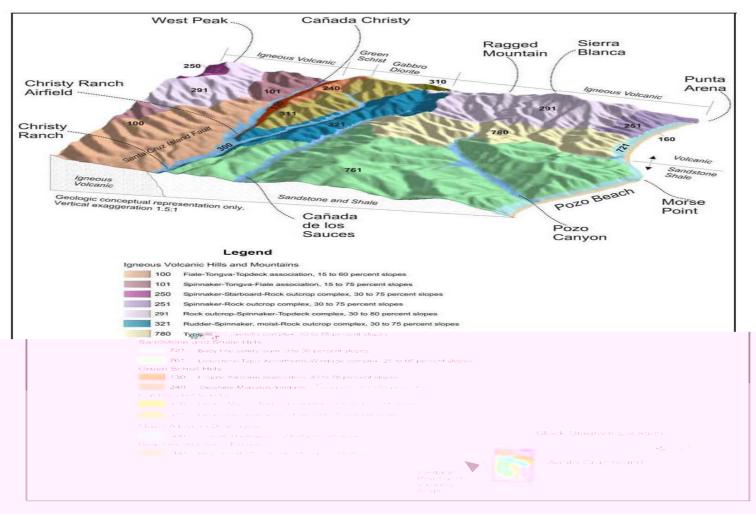
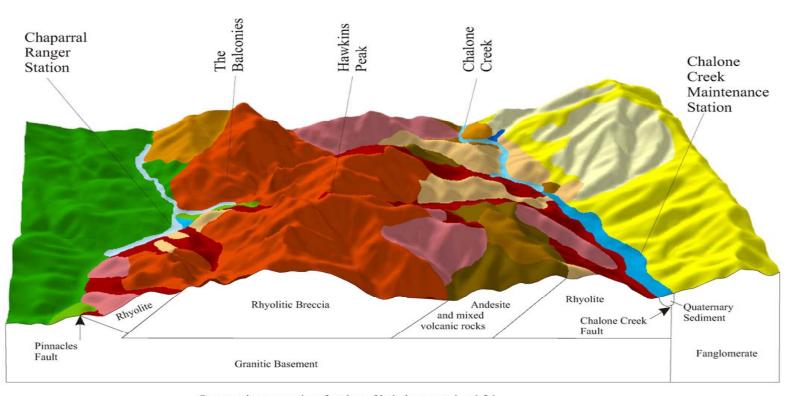


Figure 29.—Looking northeast on Santa Cruz Island. The Santa Cruz Island fault runs east along Canada Christy. The various kinds of parent material are depicted.

Pinnacles Nat'l Monument (PINN)

Block Diagram Relating Soils, Landforms, and Geology



Conceptual representation of geology. Vertical exaggeration 1.5:1.

4. What so cool about my park's soil?

Integrating soil science into park educational material

Emphasis on soils as the dynamic interface between rock and plant



4. What's so cool ... continued

Series Type Locations – accurately populated in NASIS pedon

Special properties – tephra layers, horizons from historic floods, rare plants

Unique to park – mapped nowhere else ...a park story to tell

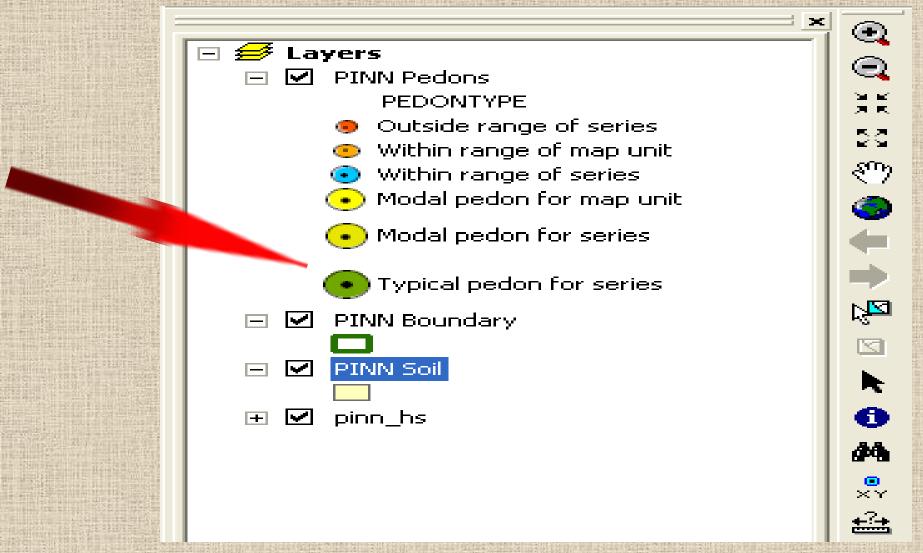
Benchmarks – what an opportunity to preserve a site!





Monoliths – for visitor center display

Series Type Locations identified in NASIS pedon and in export to park



4. What so cool....continued

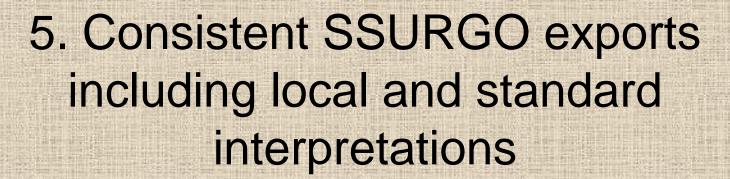


Soil fact sheets – provide me a sketch of ideas or write your own fact sheet that could be used locally

Monoliths







Include all interpretations in the agreement

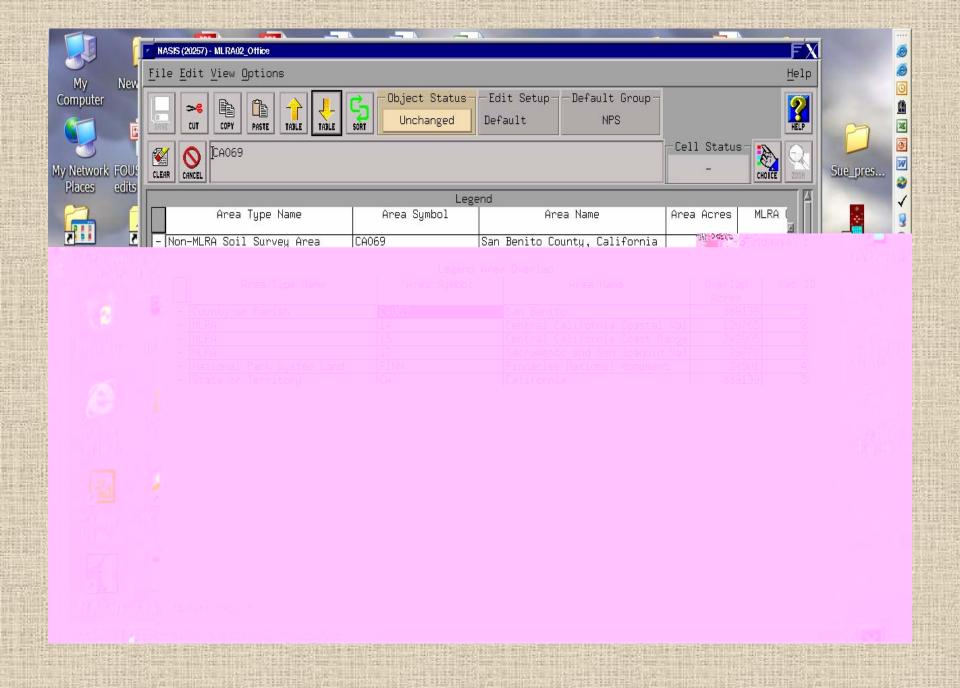
Check with me before doing a park SSURGO export incase anything new we want to include

NPS template in the works

6. Population of the National Park System Lands Legend Area Overlaps in NASIS

WHY?

- Overlap table is included in SDM export as an overlap table. This allows automatic update of symbols and data
- Many parks lands are multi-county within a state. Overlaps allow selection of park map units by standard four letter park code
- SDM report manager allows selection by overlaps – can run special park reports uniformly across many SSAs



For "harvested" data of parks already mapped

I have prepared overlap legends for 154 non-mlra soil survey areas from the following states:

AL AR AZ DC FL GA IA IN KY LA MD ME MI MO MS MT NC ND NE NJ NM NV NY OH OR PA SC SD TN TX VA WA and WV

The 154 legends represent 43 parks

For "harvested" data of parks already mapped

I can either:

 Provide the NPS overlap list to each states database manager for them to enter in NASIS or

 The state NASIS database manger can give me permissions to the legend object and I will enter NPS overlaps
 See handout

ACADIA NP, Maine



This park is a good example for use of overlaps....many islands of ownership, and the multi-county park has only one shared symbol – Water which we resolved in the attribute table in ARCMAP

Two states and 4 Soil survey areas

Many parks lands are multi-state, multi-state, multi-county so creating a understandable NPS legend requires quite a bit of post-processing after SDM harvesting



Disadvantages of Overlaps

- 1. Does not create one park legend
- 2. Multi-county parks still have issues with
 - a) Numerous symbols with different data
 - b) Same symbols with different data
 - c) Same symbols with different mu names
 - d) Different symbols with same map unit name

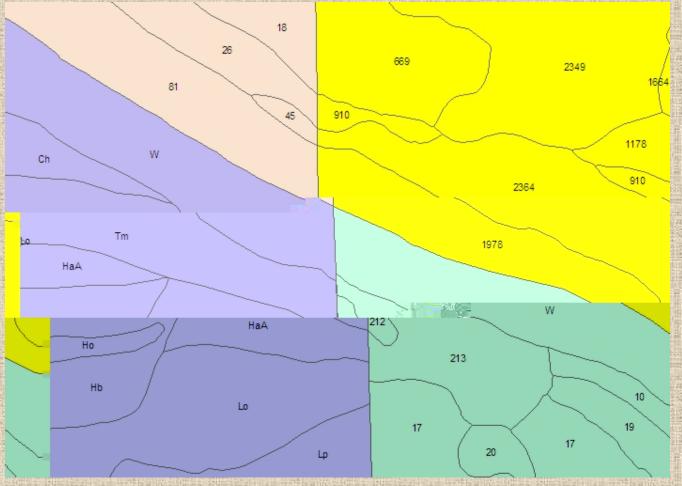
Disadvantages of Overlaps

- 3. Maintenance required by MO/States as soil mapping updates occur (i.e. adding new map units, etc)
- 4. Overlaps legends not available on WSS, SDV
- 5. Future boundary changes

Simply....

Not always best answer for parks that can be set up as non-mira soil survey areas

We know this is what update mapping is all about



My analysis will help target parks with specific needs that may be funded as part of Natural Resource challenge

Trying to use overlaps to create a park legend

	MU Symbol	MU name	DMU ID
	53B	Savage-Daglum silt loams, 0 to 6 percent slopes	208966
TA MARTIN	53B	Chama-Sen-Cabba silt loams, 3 to 6 percent slopes	208941

Same sym, different mu name, different data

19C	Chama-Cabba-Sen silt loams, 6 to 9 percent slopes	208942
53C	Chama-Cabba-Sen silt loams, 6 to 9 percent slopes	208942

Different sym, same mu name, same data

102B	Boxwell-Kremlin loams, 0 to 6 percent slopes	209008	
102B	Kremlin-Ethridge-Gerda complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes	210020	
92B	Kremlin-Ethridge-Gerda complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes	210020	

Third scenario - both conditions above

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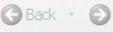
Now some fun stuff.....

Soil-Web: CA, AZ, NV - Microsoft Internet Explorer



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Map Unit Composition

Map units consist of 1 or more soil types, commonly referred to as "components".

Component Name	% of Map Unit	Component Type	Horizon Data
Soil Type 1 Corning	45	Major Soil Type	YES
Soil Type 2 Corning	40	Major Soil Type	YES
Soil Type 3 Creviscreek	4	Inclusion	Similar Data [1] *
Soil Type 4 Hicksville	4	Inclusion	Similar Data [3] *
Soil Type 5 Redding	4	Inclusion	Similar Data [2] *
Soil Type 6 Steeper slopes, unnamed	3	Inclusion	None

Note: Ilinks to horizon data marked with an # are approximate.

Map Unit Data What is a Map Unit?

Cartegraphic information about this map unit.

Map_Unit.Name: Coming complex, 0 to 8 percent slopes

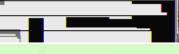
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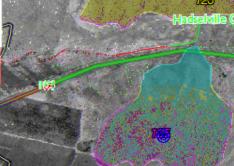
174 acres (14990ac. total in survey area) Map Unit Acres:

Map Unit Aggregated Data

Farmland Class:	Not prime farmland
Available Water Storage (0-100cm):	8.95 cm
Max Flood Freq:	None
Drainago Clace:	Well drained

Hydric Conditions: Min Water Table Depth:



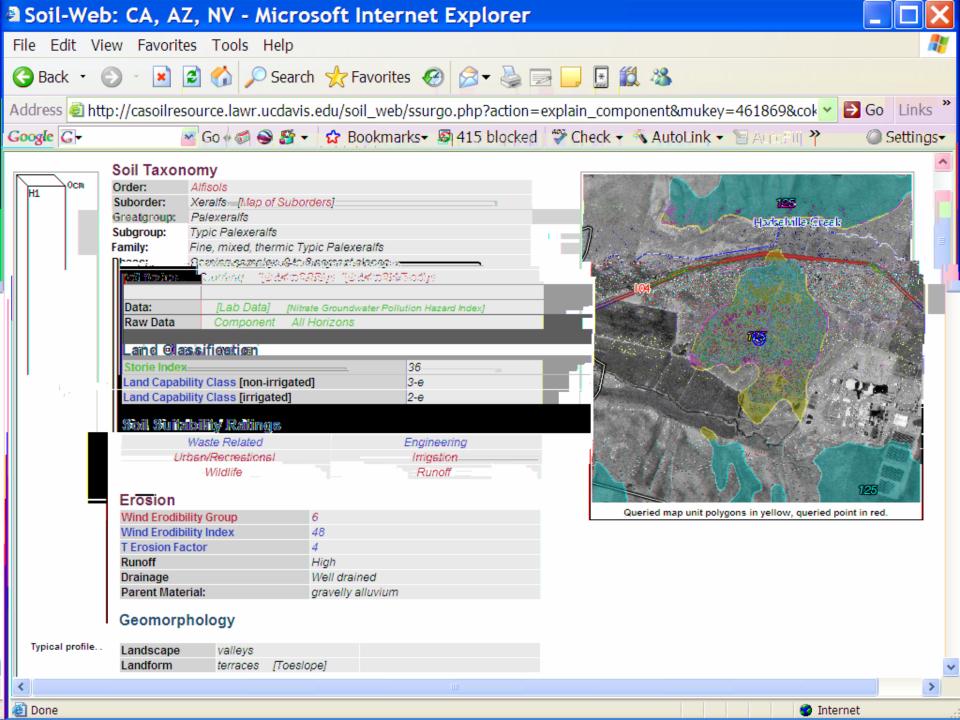


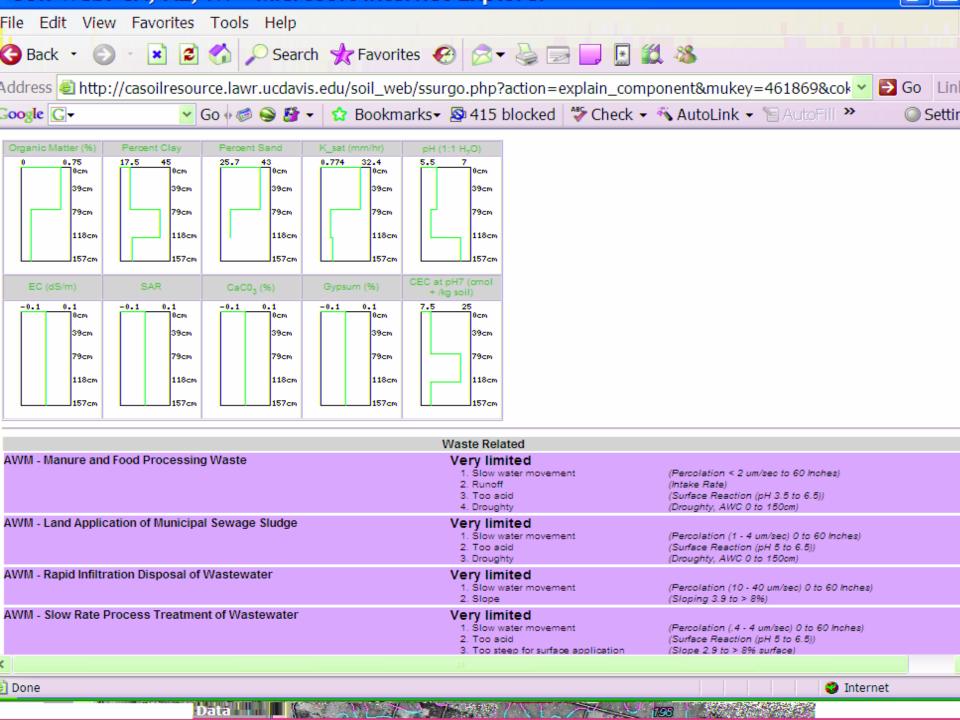


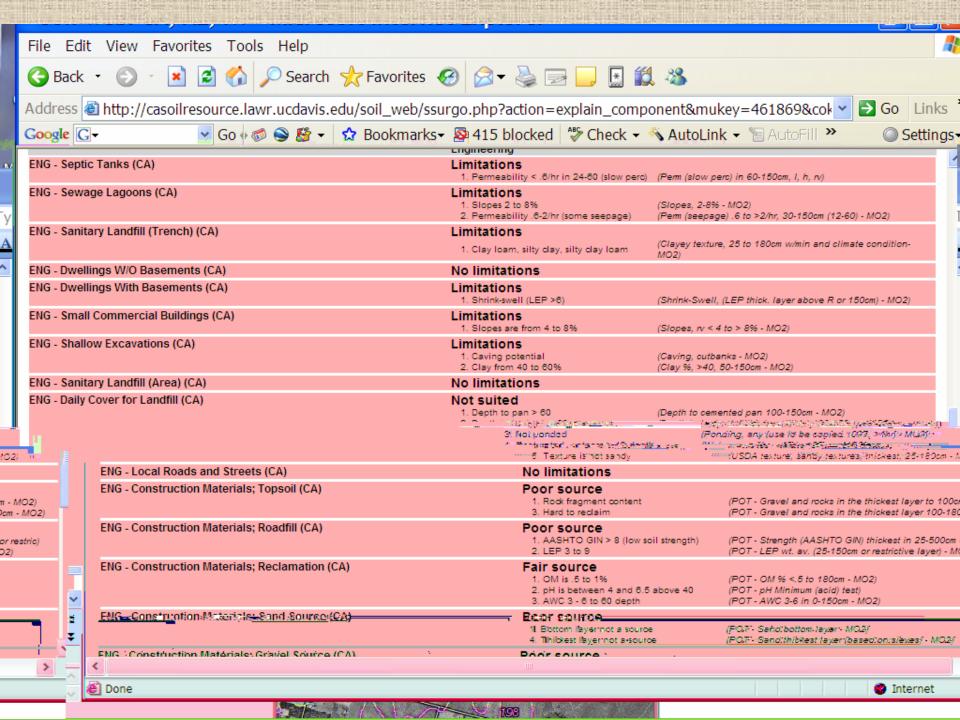


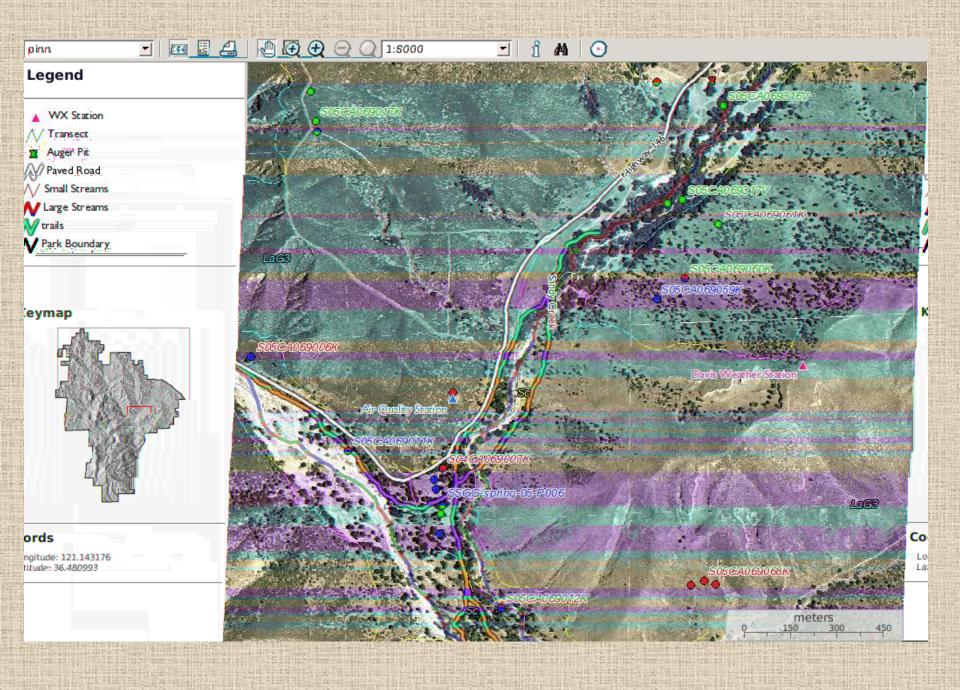
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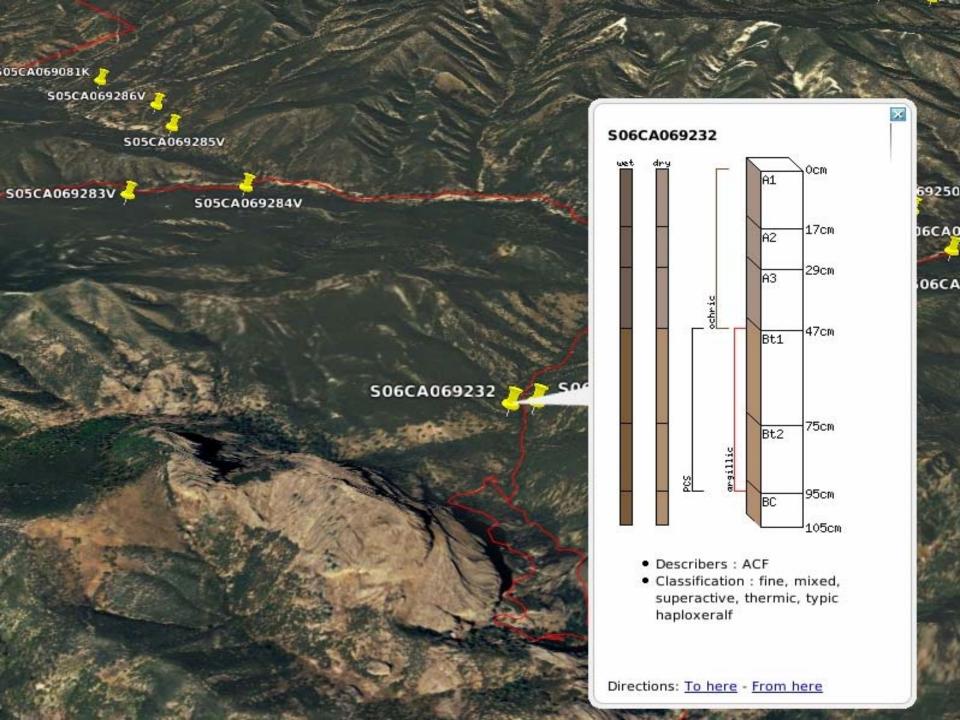
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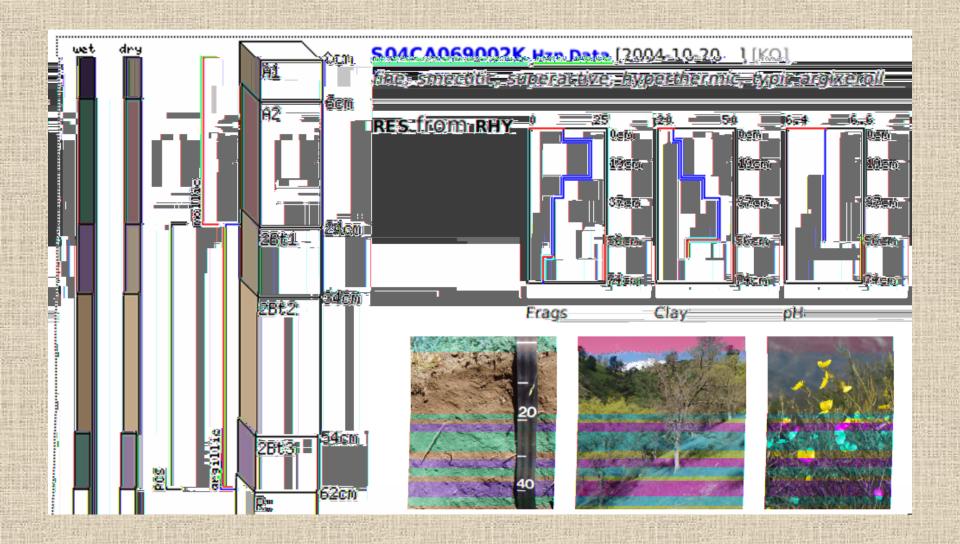


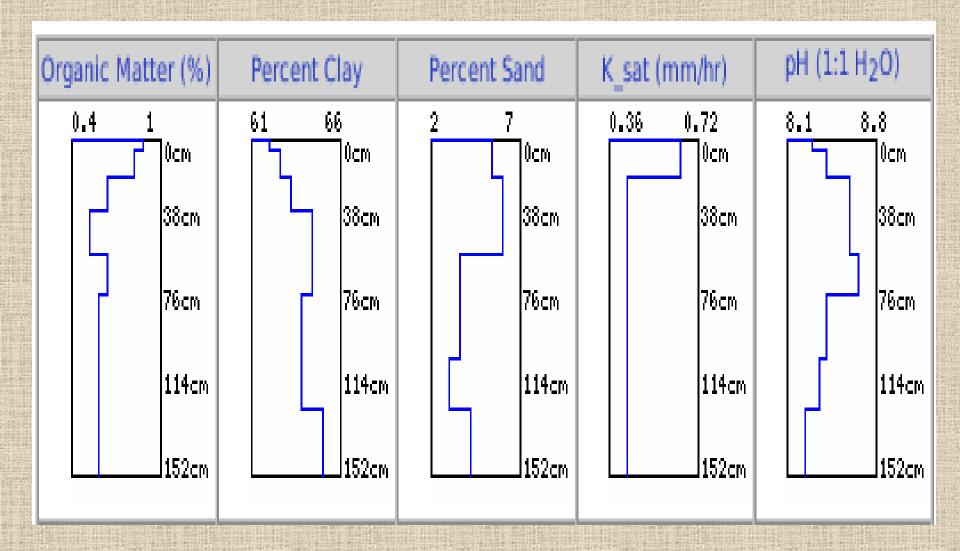


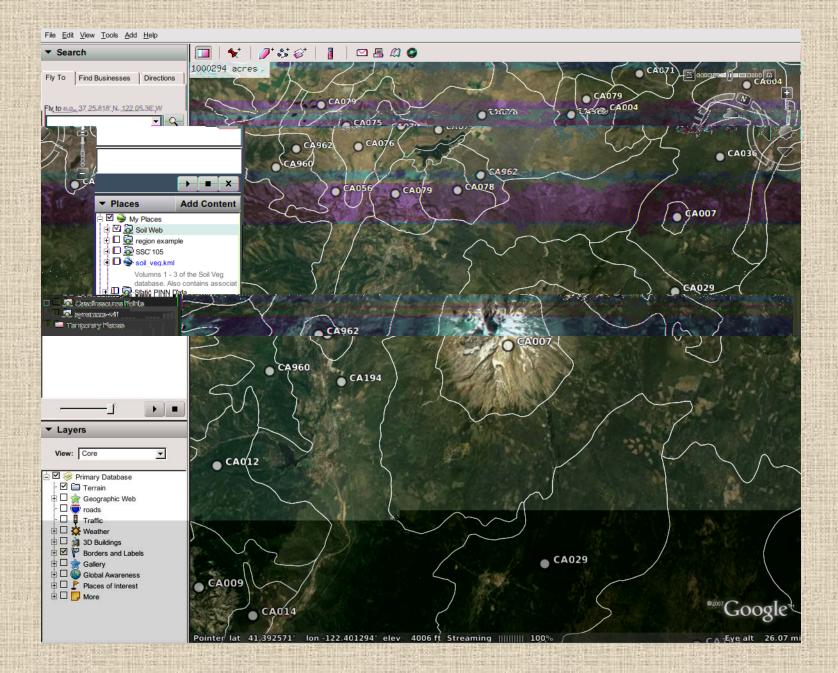






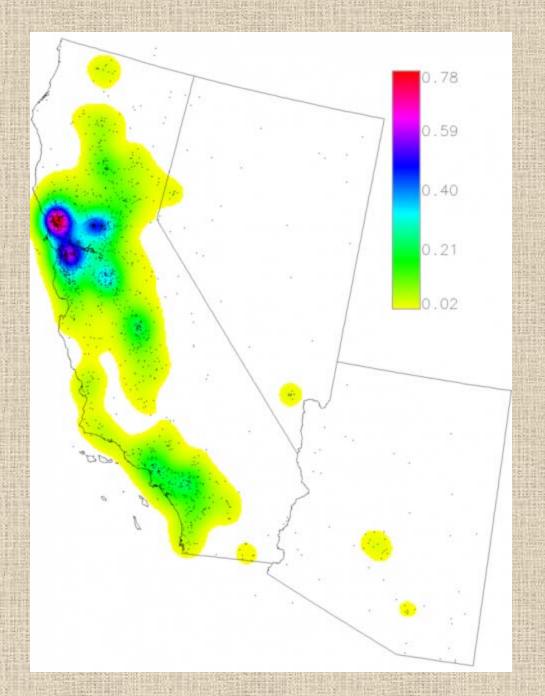




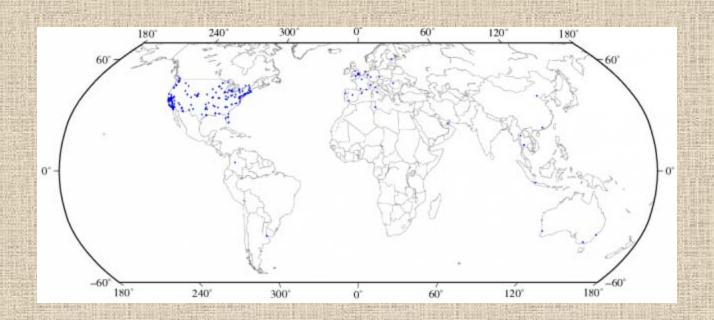




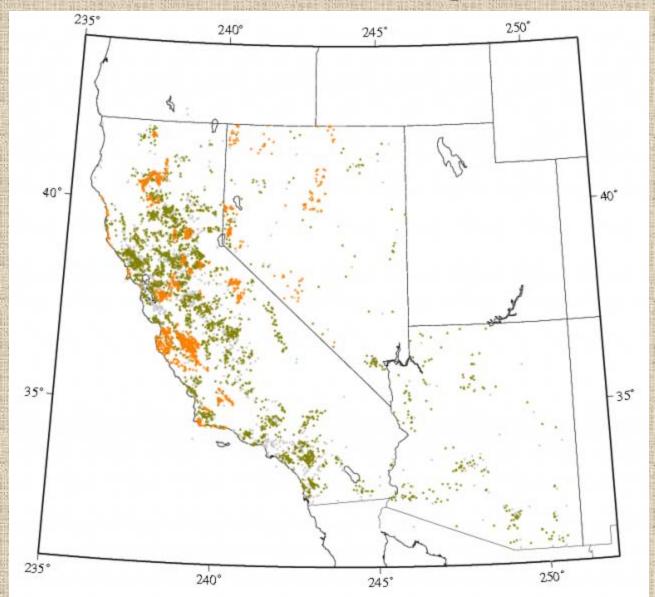
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World distribution of users



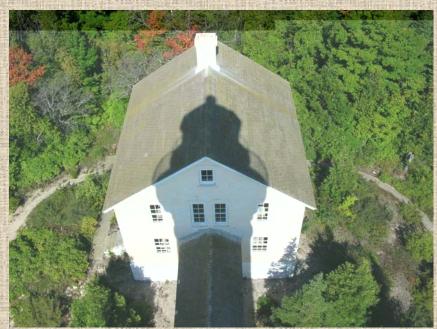
Where the polygons exist that are being queried



Tool to assess where to start the update

Last park and last slide





Park 6